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To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Wed, Jun 4, 2003 4:54 PM
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From: Rena Sperling
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Subject: less monopoly, not more

Dear Mr. Michael Powell:

Please consider the significance to us as citizens in need of free flowing information from many sources to help us make informed decisions and understand our local, state, and national needs and actions. Vote no against opening the doors for more consolodation of communication giants. Our communication companies need less monopoly to allow healthy balanced information. Thank you, Mrs. Rena Sperling
Special Education Teacher!

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There was a time when monopolies were considered to be bad for the country. What has happened to change this attitude? It is apparent that we as a country are moving in the direction that will take us down a road where an individual's desires will be considered to be moot. Monopolies in the media? A very bad idea. Voices will be squelched! A small business that wants to get into the media business will not stand a chance! Minority media voices are already being silenced and this will be the final nail in the coffin. As an African-American, I am not only appalled, but frightened by this development.

Please raise these issues and sue if necessary to make sure that ALL American voices can be heard!

Thank you.

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